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## 'TIS THE SEASON 2022

### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN DOWNTOWN WINTER GARDEN

#### November 26

- Shop Small Business Saturday and Downtown Sidewalk Sale, Daylong

#### December 2

- Light Up Winter Garden, 6-9 pm

#### December 3

- A Very Merry Farmers Market, 8 am-1 pm
- Winter Garden Christmas Parade, 10 am
- Christmas Golf Cart Parade, 6 pm
- A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm

#### December 4

- Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm\*
- A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm

#### December 5

- Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm\*

#### December 6

- Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm\*

#### December 7

- Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm\*

#### December 8

- Holiday Boutique Stroll Downtown, 5-8 pm

#### December 9

- A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm
- Live Holiday Music - Fridays on the Plaza, 7-9 pm

#### December 10

- A Very Merry Farmers Market (Santa Visit), 8 am-1 pm
- A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm

#### December 11

- Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm\*
- A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm

#### December 12

- Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm\*

#### December 13

- Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm\*

#### December 14

- Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm\*

#### December 16

- A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm
- Live Holiday Music - Fridays on the Plaza, 7-9 pm

#### December 17

- A Very Merry Farmers Market (Santa Visit), 8 am-1 pm
- A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm

#### December 18

- Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm\*
- A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm

#### December 19

- Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm\*

#### December 20

- Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm\*

#### December 21

- Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm\*

#### December 23

- A Merry Winter Garden Light Show, 6-9 pm
- Live Holiday Music - Fridays on the Plaza, 7-9 pm

#### December 24

- A Very Merry Farmers Market, 8 am-1 pm

#### December 26

- Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm\*

#### December 27

- Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm\*

#### December 28

- Horse Drawn Holiday Carriage Tours, 5:30-9:30 pm\*

#### December 30

- Live Holiday Music - Fridays on the Plaza, 7-9 pm

#### December 31

- A Very Merry Farmers Market, 8 am-1 pm

\*reservation/fee required

Event details at [www.CWGDN.com](http://www.CWGDN.com) and [www.DOWNTOWNWG.com](http://www.DOWNTOWNWG.com).

# Santa Claus is Coming to Town

## WINTER GARDEN FIRE RESCUE ANNUAL SANTA RUN



The Winter Garden Fire Rescue annual "SANTA RUN" brings Santa and his sleigh full of elves (firefighters, police, City staff) through neighborhoods! This fast-moving parade spreads holiday music, treats, and good cheer along the way to residents within City limits.

### Santa Run Schedule (5:45 – 9:00 pm):

- Monday, December 12 – North West Winter Garden
- Tuesday, December 13 – North East Winter Garden
- Wednesday, December 14 – South Winter Garden: CR 545 Corridor (West Side)
- Thursday, December 15 – South Winter Garden: CR 545 Corridor (East Side)
- Friday, December 16 – South Winter Garden: CR 535 / Daniel's Road Corridor
- Saturday, December 17 – South Winter Garden: Beulah / Windermere Road Corridor

An alternate date is scheduled for December 19 if weather interrupts one of Santa's visits.

Please check Santa's nightly route maps on [cwgdn.com](http://cwgdn.com) for the estimated time of Santa's arrival and/or to find a nearby viewing location. Due to significant community growth, not all neighborhoods/streets can be accommodated.

*Due to safety concerns, please refrain from parking on the street during your neighborhood's Santa Run. Street parking, especially parking on both sides of street, may prohibit the parade from going down a street.*

## ENTER YOUR RESIDENCE IN THE DE-LIGHT-FUL DECORATIONS CONTEST

It is time to drag out the lights, display the glowing Santa, and enter your home to win the annual De-Light-Ful Decorations Contest. Hosted by the City of Winter Garden, first and second place winners are awarded in each of three categories in addition to one overall winner. Festive presentations of outdoor decorations could win up to \$100!

The deadline to enter is December 9. Judging takes place on Tuesday, December 13, and Wednesday, December 14, starting at 5:30 pm. The contest is free to enter, and all homes must be within City limits. Entry form must be submitted no later than December 9. Enter online at [cwgdn.com](http://cwgdn.com) or by contacting the Parks & Recreation Department at 407.656.4155.

## Holidays in Winter Garden Exhibit at City Hall

Pop inside City Hall when visiting the winter wonderland of downtown to see this festive exhibit of local artists' works depicting November and December holidays in Winter Garden.

Now – December 30 | Monday – Friday | 7:30 am – 5:30 pm  
Art in Public Places Gallery in City Hall, 300 W. Plant Street

## Holiday Office Closures and Solid Waste Collection Services Schedule

### Christmas (Observed):

- All City Government Offices will be closed on Monday, December 26.
- There will be Regular Solid Waste Collection Services on Monday, December 26.

## Recycle your Natural Christmas Tree

Follow these steps to get your natural Christmas Tree recycled:

- Remove all ornaments, lights, and garland.
- Remove tree from the stand.
- Place the tree at the curb on your yard waste collection day.

The tree will be taken to a yard waste facility where it will be transformed into mulch and used in landscapes in our area.

An artificial tree cannot be recycled. Consider donating it or place it out on your bulk collection day for disposal.

For recycling questions, call 407.877.5193.

## Holiday Gifts for Kids Donation Drop Off

The Winter Garden Police Athletic League, Inc. (WGPAL) is collecting new toys, games, sport balls, arts and crafts kits, etc. to provide presents to Winter Garden youth (newborn – 12 years old) in need.

Donation drop-off is through December 9 at the Winter Garden Police Department, 251 W. Plant Street. Donations are tax deductible.

For questions, please call 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.



# WINTER FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Tai Chi, Yoga, Systema, Tennis, Softball, 50+ Activities & Trips, Art Classes, Kickball, Preschool Activities, Zumba and more! All programs are held at Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street, unless noted otherwise.

For details about programs, classes, and athletic leagues, visit the "Parks & Recreation" page at [cwgd.com](http://cwgd.com) or call 407.656.4155. **Register at [enroll.wgplay.com](http://enroll.wgplay.com).**

## ACTIVE 50+ TRIP TO STETSON MANSION – DELAND, FL

Want to get into the Holiday Spirit? Come tour the Stetson Mansion, built in 1886, decorated for Christmas and featuring holiday music from the baby grand player piano. The two-floor guided tour with steps includes the original schoolhouse. Dutch treat lunch.

Thursday, December 15 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
\$49 City Resident / \$53 Nonresident

## ACTIVE 50+ TRIP TO PONCE INLET LIGHTHOUSE & MUSEUM – PONCE INLET, FL

The Ponce de Leon Inlet Light Station is a National Historic Landmark and home to one of the finest lighthouse museums in the world. As you step inside the historic white picket fence, you are literally stepping back in time. All the original structures are there for you to explore, and yes – you can climb the 203 steps to the top of the lighthouse tower! Dutch treat lunch.

Tuesday, January 17 | 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
\$19 City Resident / \$23 Nonresident

## YOUTH SOCCER - SPRING LEAGUE

Cheer your child on while they have a great time with friends! This recreational program emphasizes an environment that is fun for all ages. We focus on each child through positive coaching, teamwork, sportsmanship, skill development, and more! Fee includes an eight-week season, an end of season award, and a team jersey and socks.

***We want you! Coaches pay only \$10 for one child's registration. Paid officials are also needed.***

City Resident Registration | December 5 – January 6  
Nonresident Registration | December 19 – January 6  
Registration may close early due to limited availability in each age division.

Practices begin the week of January 30  
Games begin February 18

3 – 13 years old (age as of September 1, 2022)  
\$100 City Resident / \$120 Nonresident  
Braddock Park, 13460 Lake Butler Boulevard

## BOOT CAMP WITH BRAD

Looking for cardio and strength training exercises that utilize both weights and body weight? Join this bi-weekly boot camp to learn how to develop a more physically healthy body and the mental well-being that comes with exercise.

Mondays & Thursdays | 5:30 – 6:20 pm  
16 years and older  
\$16 City Residents / \$18 Nonresidents, per class  
\$55 City Residents / \$65 Nonresidents, per month  
(8 classes)

## POWER YOGA FLOW

Utilizing flexibility as a means to focus on linking poses together with continuous movement, Power Yoga Flow will bring awareness to one's body and breath, all while increasing cardio vascular health and muscular strength.

Thursdays | 6:30 – 7:20 pm  
Monthly | \$30 Residents / \$34 Nonresidents  
Single Day | \$12 Resident / \$14 Nonresident

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

Campers will enjoy a variety of outdoor activities, arts and crafts, sports, and more with friends and a qualified, well trained Winter Garden Parks and Recreation staff. Campers must bring a packed lunch, snacks, and a water bottle to camp every day. Advance registration required at [enroll.wgplay.com](http://enroll.wgplay.com).

November 21 – 23  
December 19 – 23, 27 – 30  
January 3  
7:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Grades | Kindergarten – 8th grade  
Jessie Brock Community Center,  
310 N. Dillard Street  
\$22 City Resident / \$27 Nonresident, per day

## Fire Hydrant Flow Testing Begins in December

The Winter Garden Fire Rescue Department will begin fire hydrant flow testing the first week of December and will continue through mid-February. Residents may notice a brief reduction in water pressure and some discoloration of the drinking water. Discolored water poses no threat to the public's health. If you experience continued loss of water pressure or water discoloration, please contact the Public Services Department at 407.656.2256.

## City Government Serving You

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### CITY OF WINTER GARDEN

300 W. Plant Street  
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## CITY COMMISSION 2023 ELECTION

The 2023 City election is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 14, 2023**. The qualifying period begins 12:00 Noon Tuesday, January 3, 2023 and ends 12:00 Noon Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Election for seats include Commissioner District 1 and 5 (Mayor/Commissioner – At Large); term of office is four (4) years and is nonpartisan. Those interested in running for a municipal office may contact the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 300 West Plant Street. For additional information, or to set an appointment, please contact City Clerk Angee Grimmage at **(407) 656-4111 ext. 2297** or [CityClerk@cwgd.com](mailto:CityClerk@cwgd.com).

(Run-off if necessary, April 11, 2023)

For information regarding voter registration, early voting or vote-by-mail (absentee) voting, please contact the Orange County Supervisor of Elections at 407.836.2070.



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## SOBO Art Gallery

127 S. Boyd Street | [wgart.org](http://wgart.org) | 407.347.7996  
Tuesday – Saturday | 10:00 am – 6:00 pm | Free Admission

### EXHIBITION

#### **Artisans Appeal**

November 25 – January 28  
Opening Reception | December 1, 5:30 – 8:00 pm

A vast selection of 2D and 3D works that depict both the FUN and FUNCTIONAL dimensions of art. It is a fun holiday show!

#### **CALL TO ARTISTS**

January 1 - 8 | *Art in Motion* Call to Artists: Submit 2D & 3D artwork that celebrates movement and motion. From sports and exercise to concepts like energy, fluidity, and mechanics. Send online submissions to [wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists](http://wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists).

Visit the "Call or Artists" website page regularly for themes of upcoming exhibitions, and submit online the FIRST through the EIGHTH of the month prior to an exhibition.

### WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

Details and registration, [wgart.org/adults](http://wgart.org/adults).

#### **Technique Tuesday at 2PM**

A weekly "CREATE" event and opportunity for ALL SKILL LEVELS to learn, grow, and be inspired through the talents of other artists. Free for members, first-time visitors, and guest of members. Schedule and details, [wgart.org/tuesdays](http://wgart.org/tuesdays).

Tuesdays | 2:00 pm | Studio Room

#### **Artist Night Studio: Life Drawing**

Model is available to draw every Wednesday night.

Wednesdays | 6:30 – 9:00 pm

18 years and older only  
\$10 member / \$15 nonmember  
(collected at sign in)

#### **SOBO Open Studio Saturdays**

Bring your own supplies and enjoy creating in our studio room — or on our outdoor front patio with the Farmers Market (open through 1:00 pm) just

steps away. Must bring your own drop cloth (and shading if necessary) when painting outside. Reserve your space today at [wgart.org/studio-time](http://wgart.org/studio-time).

Saturdays | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm | Members Only

### ART FOR KIDS

Details and registration, [wgart.org/kids](http://wgart.org/kids).

#### **Wednesday Art Clubs**

2nd grade - 5th grade | 2:45 - 3:45 pm  
Middle and High School | 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
\$15 each session, includes all materials

### VOLUNTEER

Currently accepting applications for volunteer opportunities on Saturdays.

Sign up at [wgart.org/volunteer](http://wgart.org/volunteer).



## Heritage Museum Premieres Exhibit of Local Schools' History

With artifacts and photographs dating back almost a century, the exhibit features the history of Lakeview and Drew High Schools. Established in 1927, Lakeview High School did not admit African American students until 1969 when desegregation changed the educational system in Orange County. Charles R. Drew High School rose on Winter Garden's east side in the 1950s, ensuring that black students received an education without having to travel to Orlando.

The exhibit features the history of both schools from their inception to the day when all students in Winter Garden could attend classes together.

#### **Lakeview and Drew High Schools: A History**

December 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023 | Winter Garden Heritage Museum | 1 North Main Street | [wghf.org](http://wghf.org) | 407.656.3244  
Tuesday - Saturday | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free Admission

## Railroad Museum Hosts Presentation by a Disney Legend

Disney Legend Tom Nabbe, hired by Walt himself in 1955, will share highlights from his career, including some hair-raising assignments on the Monorail in preparation for Walt Disney World's opening in 1971, and the honor of receiving the company's highest recognition as a Disney Legend.

Special Guest Speaker Tom Nabbe, Disney Legend | Saturday, December 17 | 1:00 pm | Free | Registration required, [cfrhs.org/events](http://cfrhs.org/events).

Central Florida Railroad Museum | 101 S. Boyd Street | 407.656.0559